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27 KILLED AND 40 ARE INJURED IN LIGONIER WRECK

Heavy Freight Train Crashes Into Passenger Train on the Wilpen Branch.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN DEAD

Collision, Worst in History of Line, Follows Fourth of July Celebration, and Caused, It is Said by Attempt of Freight Train to Make Station First.

LATROBE, July 6.—Twenty-seven men, women and children were killed or injured in a frightful head-on collision between a double-header freight train and the regular afternoon passenger train on the Wilpen branch of the Ligonier Valley railroad at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION TO PROBE WRECK AT LIGONIER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 6.—Two district inspectors were, this afternoon, ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission to make an investigation of the wreck on the Ligonier Valley railroad at Ligonier.

Ploving their way unrelentingly through the passenger coach the big engines scattered the dead and injured right and left. Every passenger on the train either was killed or injured. It is believed when the rescuing crew gets through with its work, the list of fatalities will be much larger. Between 30 and 40 are seriously injured. In the Latrobe hospital there were 23 patients at midnight, and more were being brought in on a special train sent out by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company from Pittsburgh.

THE DEAD.

Nat. Sargent, Ligonier.
George W. Hubler, civil engineer, of Pittsburgh.
Elizabeth Rhoads, daughter of Henry Rhoads of Ligonier.
Mrs. Harry Dixon and baby, of Wilpen.
William Campbell of Wilpen.
Frank McConaughy, engineer, of Ligonier, and his daughter.
George Byers, fireman, of Ligonier.
Louise Rhoads, 8-year-old daughter of Henry Rhoads of Ligonier.
John H. Nakary, son of Ligonier.
Mrs. M. E. Egan, aged 54 years, of Wilpen.
Michael Hudock of Wilpen, body crushed.
Thomas Muir, aged 52, of Latrobe.
George Tash of Wilpen.
Frank Overton, aged 16, son of John Overton of Wilpen.
Unidentified boy, foreign, about 12 years of age.
Unidentified Maltese.
Alice Rhoads of Ligonier.
Bernard Gray of F. Palmer.
Thomas, stevedore of Zimmersdorf.
Unknown man.
Unidentified Englishman.
Mary Rhoads, daughter of Henry Rhoads of Ligonier.
Frank E. Beatty, railroad engineer of Ligonier.
Mrs. John Overton of Wilpen.
Samuel Brownfield.
Miss Edith, aged 20, of Ligonier township.
Miss Moon, aged 20, of Ligonier township.
A number of boys, aged from 4 to 6 years, under the wheels.

THE INJURED.

Frank Bakka, Philip Hovler, Tony Overton, John Beaman, Alice Hecanover, 14, domestic home in Ligonier.
Nat. Steve, 22, laborer at McCance.
John T. Zander, of Ligonier, laborer.
Bernie Hahn, 16, daughter of Edward Hahn of Ligonier.
Sarah Edmell, 10.
Dr. J. B. Johnson of Ligonier, hurt internally, expected to die.
Mary Helen Peters, 1-year-old daughter of James F. Peters of Ligonier, left leg broken at thigh and ankle, left arm broken, head cut, expected to recover.
Bernadette Andrews, 8, daughter of John Andrews, stunned.
Billy Brownfield, son of Samuel Brownfield of Ligonier, scalp wound.
De. C. A. Hamill of Ligonier, injured internally, will die.
Anthony Steyer, of Ligonier, 20, driver, lung punctured, expected to live.
F. J. Gray, 23, miner at Fort Palmer, left leg broken, laceration on left knee, contusion of skull, condition serious.
Stephen Spierack, 43, railroad engineer, fractured skull, of Ligonier, contusion of skull, expected to die.
Laken to Allegheny General hospital.
Isaac H. Lloyd of Wilpen, in Latrobe hospital.
Raymond L. Baker, 15, of Recton, Pa., broken leg, taken to West Penn hospital, Pittsburgh.
William Campbell, 31, of Ligonier, skull fractured, taken to West Penn hospital, Pittsburgh, may die.
Bernard Gray, 16, of Palmer, Pa., broken leg, taken to West Penn hospital, Pittsburgh.
R. H. Knox, 40, of Ligonier, contusions on head, severely bruised on shoulders and legs, taken to Allegheny General hospital, Latrobe.
Miss Edith M. Matthews, 30, of Pittsburgh, broken arm and leg and bruises on head, taken to Allegheny General hospital, Latrobe.
Walter Sereno, 32, of McKeesport, clerk in National Bank, left leg fractured, contusions on body, taken to McKeesport hospital, McKeesport.
Miss Bealton of Wilpen, in Latrobe hospital.
Andy Haddell of Wilpen, in Latrobe hospital.
Angelo Eugene of Wilpen, in Latrobe hospital.

DOCTOR SUES ON POLICY FOR LOSS OF RIGHT EYE

Physician at Uniontown, Denied Payment, Seeks Redress in Court.

UNIONTOWN, July 6.—On the ground that \$2,500 is due him from an insurance company, of New York for the loss of his right eye, Dr. P. F. Smith has filed suit for \$2,500 with interest from October 11, 1911. It is claimed that on November 13, 1910, Dr. Smith took out a policy in the company which gave him \$2,500 for the loss of an eye, for which he paid \$10 for one year. Later, he renewed the policy for another year.

On October 11, 1911, the plaintiff states he was struck in the eye with a box filled with rock ready, that fell from the shelf of a local drug store. Laceration was the result and although every known treatment was given, the right eye was removed at the eye and ear hospital, Pittsburgh, October 24, 1911.

The insurance company declared the accident had occurred in a manner other than that stated.

LINEMAN BADLY HURT.

Uniontown Worker Suffers 600-Volt Shock and Thrown 30 Feet.

UNIONTOWN, July 5.—George Moulton, aged 25, a lineman employed by the C. D. & P. Telephone and Telegraph Company, while repairing a wire, was struck by a live wire of the West Penn Railways Company, and suffered a shock of 600 volts.

He was thrown a distance of about 30 feet, his body striking a fence. Moulton suffered a scalp wound, a probable fracture of the collarbone, burns on the hand and bruises on the arms and legs. He was placed on a West Penn car for Uniontown, and removed to the Uniontown hospital.

Mrs. Mary Haas Dead.

Mrs. Mary Haas died yesterday morning at 9 o'clock in her home at Dawson, following a brief illness. Funeral from the family residence Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Haas was a native of Switzerland, and was married in Switzerland to Othman Haas. She came to this country in 1870, locating in Fayette County in 1880, where the family has since resided. The surviving children are Otto, William and Fred Haas of Dawson; Henry Haas of Conneltsville, Pa.; and Mrs. Josephine Schreiber, of Altoona.

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POLICEMAN KILLS ONE, HITS THREE OF FAYETTE MOB

Shoots When Foreign Rioters Try to Take Prisoner From Him.

ACTION WAS IN SELF-DEFENSE

Crowd Follows Officer to Jail From Slavish Dance Hall and Attempts to Storm Prison, After Attacking Captain and Beating Him Severely.

FAYETTE CITY, July 5.—One man was shot to death, another was shot seriously and two others seriously at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon when an angry mob of Slavish miners attempted to storm the lockup here and take a prisoner from Police John Johnston Hutchcroft, formerly a Conneltsville fireman. The policeman fired on the crowd in self-defense, after he had been knocked down.

THE DEAD.

SAMUEL PETROS, aged 30, of Smock, shot through heart, killed instantly.

FATALLY INJURED.

MICHAEL BARNOCK, aged 25, of Fayette City, shot in breast three times.

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

FRANK PISALY, of Fayette City, shot in abdomen; taken to Monaca-hela hospital.

PETER PISALY, of Fayette City, shot in shoulder; taken home.

Shortly before 4 o'clock Burgess William Ashton was notified that a riot had broken out at a dance given in a local hall by a Slavish lodge, Burgess Ashton sent Police John Johnston Hutchcroft to the hall. The policeman arrested John Yuhar and started with his prisoner for the lockup.

A mob of 60 excited foreigners followed him. Hutchcroft placed Yuhar in a cell and stepped to the entrance of the lockup, where he was attacked suddenly by the crowd. Hutchcroft was knocked down, his mace was taken from him, and the infuriated foreigners kicked and beat him.

Hutchcroft pulled his revolver and firing to his elbow emptied it into the mob.

FAYETTE CITY, July 6.—A second death was added to the list of fatalities resulting from the bloody battle between Police Chief J. W. Hutchcroft and four foreigners, when Michael Burick died at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning at the Memorial Hospital in Uniontown. The next morning over Burick's body was held today by Dr. R. F. Schollar. A double funeral will be held this afternoon when the body of Burick and that of Simon Petros, the other victim of the police chief's weapon, will be laid to rest at Bellview.

White Chief of County Detention John Smith is continuing his investigation here Chief Hutchcroft, who fired the bullets which caused two deaths and wounded two other men, is lying in the hospital at Uniontown suffering from the bullet he sustained at the hands of the foreigners. Twelve witnesses have already been subpoenaed for the inquest which has been postponed to the first of next week.

A sensation was caused here yesterday by the statement made by Deputy Coroner John Crowley by Frank Zesely, one of the foreigners wounded in the battle. Frank Zesely bears an excellent reputation here. He says that Mrs. Yuhar asked him to go to Hutchcroft and learn why her husband had been arrested earlier in the day. Zesely says the answer he received from the chief was a blow with a mace.

Later in the day, Zesely accompanied by his brother Peter and by Petros and Burick, went to the borough lockup and Zesely says he again asked the chief about Yuhar, wishing to arrange bail. Zesely says the chief told him with a mace and then the fight followed, the other foreigners joining upon the chief after he had struck down Zesely.

After being placed in jail Hutchcroft broke down and wept, declaring he never would get over the disgrace.

HEIRESS SCANS LINEAGE.

Mrs. Alvin T. Howard Asks Council Clerk as to Fisher Ancestry.

A. O. Baker, clerk of council, is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Alvin T. Howard, in which she seeks information as to her ancestry. Her father was William Hamilton Fisher, who was born in Conneltsville, June 28, 1832. He was a son of Jacob and Jane Fisher. Jacob Fisher was a son of Philip and Mary Fisher.

Mrs. Howard would like to trace her lineage back to learn if she is a descendant of Louis Fisher, whose estate is to be divided among his heirs.

David Foster is Dead.

Word has been received here of the death of David D. Foster, well-known in Fayette County. Mr. Foster was born December 4, 1824, and died at his home in Smithfield, O., June 26, 1912. He was 87 years old, was united in marriage December 1854, to Miss Mary A. Whitten, who, with three sons and three daughters, survive. In his early life, Mr. Foster was associated with the United Presbyterian church, but following the death of his daughter, Isabelle, he entered the Methodist Episcopal church of Smithfield.

Smithfield Horse Owners Protest.

SMITHFIELD, July 5.—Horse owners in and around Point Marion and Spruill township are indignant at the actions of a State official who is in this vicinity examining horses and who has pronounced several valuable animals to be afflicted with glanders, and had them killed. They say it is conferring too much power on one man; that he came into their stables and condemned horses that were considered sound.

GREENSBURG HONORS MEMORY OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

Great Celebration Marked by Parade of Guard and Veterans, and Company.

GREENSBURG, Pa., July 5.—All of those residents of Greensburg, Pa., who were not so fortunate as to live in Greensburg, came to this city yesterday to help the veterans of the Civil and Spanish Wars pay honor to the nation's birth in birthday manner.

A half century reunion was celebrated under the direction of the Westmoreland County Soldiers and Sailors Veterans Association.

Colonel "Dick" Conner of the "Fighting Tenth" led a great street parade in the morning with four companies of his regiment Veterans, bands, military companies, boy cadets and the association. From all the large towns of the county took part Fifty State Troopers were in line too.

In the afternoon the folks and kids, even to the babies, went out to Electric Park in the suburbs and listened to the bands playing "rag" while they watched the sham battle between two companies of the "National Guard" boys.

General Harry White of Indiana, Pa., presided at a campfire in the evening at 38 Clair Avenue. N. S. Kingsley of Franklin, Pa., Past Department Commander of the Grand Army of Pennsylvania, was an eloquent speaker and so was Congressman Charles Greig. There were reminiscences of war times and the old war time songs were sung.

PROGRESSIVE PARTY, AT MEET, NAMES TICKET FOR STATE

Philadelphia Convention Refuses to Merge With the Roosevelt Faction.

PHILADELPHIA, July 4.—A fourth party in this State, the Progressive Party of Pennsylvania, was launched formally in the interests of William Wilson's candidacy for President of the United States, by a number of delegates to the Keystone party state convention. This new party was inaugurated by means of the same hall of passive host which marked the Roosevelt campaign at the Westmoreland National convention at Chicago, and was a consequence of the decision of the Keystone convention to continue itself strictly to State issues.

The Keystone convention assembled at the Colonial Theater and under the control of the Gibson-Gorman faction, rejected the proposal to merge with the Democratic party of Pennsylvania. The convention, under the same control, overwhelmingly defeated all propositions looking toward fusion with the Wilson-Roosevelt party of this State.

The ticket which was nominated by the Progressive party as a step preliminary to fusion with the Democrats was, State Treasurer, William H. Berry of Delaware County, who is also the Democratic nominee, Auditor General, Cornelius D. Smith, Allegheny County, Congressman, J. L. Latta of Charles H. Harkins, York, Allen Harkins, Chester, F. R. A. Harkins, Allegheny, Daniel W. Sinkins, Philadelphia.

BROWNVILLE LAD KILLED BY A COLOR SERGEAN

Lawrence Nash Dies From Gunshot Wound Accidentally Inflicted.

BROWNVILLE, Pa., July 6.—Lawrence Nash, aged 18, died at 1:30 yesterday morning from a gunshot wound accidentally inflicted by James Roberts, who was showing the lad how to operate an old army rifle. An instant before Nash's hand discharged the weapon young Nash jumped in front of it.

The cartridge was a blank, but the young man was so close that the bullet hit a hole about an inch in diameter, was torn in his skin.

Roberts has been exonerated by the boy's parents. Roberts is a color sergeant of Company A, of the Pennsylvania Independent Infantry.

REID CASE REVERSED

State Supreme Court Changes Decision of Lower.

UNIONTOWN, July 6.—The following decisions were handed down this morning, at a session of Supreme Court at Harrisburg: In the case of Col. J. M. Reid against E. H. Reid and others, in an appeal of Col. J. M. Reid, the decree of the lower court is set aside; record reversed with directions that the case be remanded to the court of common pleas for further proceedings.

In the case of Col. J. M. Reid against E. H. Reid and others, dismissed, the costs being placed on the former. Col. Reid, the surviving partner of the Boys' Traction Company had bought suit against E. H. Reid and others to recover indebtedness which he alleged was due the Boys' Traction Company by the Conneltsville and Urdna Coal and Coke Company and the Urdna and Norfolk Railroad Company.

In the case of Walter C. Harris, receiver for the Dunbar Furnace Company, against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, judgment was reversed.

Judgment was affirmed in the case of the Dunbar Furnace Company against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. One in the possession of the railroad company was claimed by the furnace company.

Mrs. Whitgift, Perryopolis, Dead.

PERRYOPOLIS, Pa., July 6.—Mrs. Clara B. Whitgift, widow of the late Dr. J. E. Whitgift, died yesterday at the home of her son, Dr. John W. Whitgift of Sardis, Ohio. Funeral services will be held at Perryopolis, Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock by the Rev. M. S. Blair. Mrs. Whitgift is survived by a brother, John Martin and two sons, Dr. John W. Whitgift, of Sardis, Ohio, and Dr. Charles W. Whitgift, of Freeport, Ohio, and a son-in-law, M. M. Cochran, of Uniontown.

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WEST PENN READY FOR WORK. Before the charter could be granted, it is believed that work will begin Monaca-hela to Washington. This is only one of the many projects planned by the West Penn Traction Company in this county.

CHARLESTON, July 4.—It is said system planned by the West Penn Traction Company is prepared to take out its charter for a trolley line from New Conneltsville to Washington, all the necessary details having been disposed of.

Locations for West Penn Poles. Locations for the poles on the West Penn's extension to Sutersville, Perryopolis and other points, are being made by the company's engineers. The poles are being made for the extension which crosses the Youghiogheny River at Sutersville.

West Newton Worker Hurt. Selaher Marino, of West Newton, a B. & O. laborer, is at the Cottage State hospital with a fractured skull. Marino was injured while at work last Wednesday night.

ALLEGED PROOF OF COKE TRUST TO GOVERNMENT

Consumers Hire Ex-Federal
Agent, Who Reports as
to Independents.

UNIFORM PRICE \$2.50 PER TON

Investigator Said to Have Sent Wash-
ington Office Photographs of
Showing Existence of supposed
Combination in Local and Town
Fields

The contest between the merchant
coke producers of the Connells-
ville region and the Pittsburgh and
Valley furnaces over the price of coke for
the second half of 1912 has reached
a rather acute stage. The price of
prompt or open market coke has
hitherto ruled lower than contract
coke prices and when the producers
made a mark of \$2.50 per ton for second
half contract coke, the consumers
stood pat, feeling that they could buy
in the market at less. The market
however, jumped to \$2.00 to \$2.50 this
week, with prospects of going higher.

For several weeks past G. K. Moore
representing himself as an agent of
the Department of Justice at Wash-
ington has been in Pittsburgh and the
coke region inquiring concerning the
existence of an alleged coke pool to
advance prices by curtailing produc-
tion.

The Pittsburgh Gazette Times prints
Moore's story as follows:
Evidence purporting to show there
exists in the Uniontown and Connells-
ville regions a combination maintained
by 40 or more independent coke pro-
ducers for the purpose of eliminating
competition, controlling the output
and fixing prices will be placed in the
hands of the Department of Justice
at Washington within a few days and
prosecution under the Sherman anti-
trust act is expected to follow soon.

For the past six weeks agents of the
organization, believed to consist of
coke consumers, have been investigat-
ing in the coke fields and in and
around Pittsburgh with the result it is
declared that they have uncovered a
combination in restraint of trade.

G. K. Moore, said to be a former
special agent of the Department of
Justice has been in charge of the trust
investigation. Moore has despatched to
Washington photograph copies of
letters which are said to confirm the
existence of the alleged trust. Photo-
graph reports of meetings held by
men alleged to be involved in the
combination and the purchase of coke
evidence which he and his agents declared
they have uncovered.

According to the evidence which is
said to have been unearthed certain
coke producers are said to have an
agreement among themselves and with
a Pittsburgh firm to combine in the
production of coke and maintain a price
which will increase the cost of manu-
facturing a ton of pig iron at least
50 cents.

The alleged deal was made but re-
cently and the schedule of prices said
to have been agreed to went into
effect July 1. The alleged combine
has its headquarters in Uniontown and
most of its members are said to be
prominent coke producers of that place.

According to the evidence said to
have been secured by Moore and his
agents and which will be submitted to
the government authorities at
Washington the combination engine-
ered by a Pittsburgh concern is to
limit the production of coke and to
agree upon a fixed price and has
sought to put the price into effect
during the present month with coke
consumers. The uniform price is said
to have been fixed at \$2.50 a ton.

The scheme is the investigators
allege to make a uniform price to the
consumer and as there is no way
of storing coke without destroying its
quality the production of it practically
balances its consumption. To carry
out successfully the alleged agree-
ment it is declared those in the
combine have arranged for the
shutting down of certain coke ovens
and the pooling of tonnage.

Moore and his agents declare that
they have evidence to prove that there
is a combination in violation of the
Sherman anti-trust act in that there
is a restriction in the production of
tonnage a pooling of tonnage and an
agreement for the maintenance of
prices and elimination of competition
between producers.

The coke producers said to be in
the combination are what are known
as merchant producers. Efforts have
been made in the past it is said to
eliminate competition and fix prices
but they have failed because certain
operators refused to enter into an
agreement.

Several months ago a complaint
against the alleged trust in the coke
fields was registered with the Depart-
ment of Justice. Because the evi-
dence was not sufficient to support the
complaint the government refused to
act upon it at that time.

The merchant operators deny em-
phatically that there is any combina-
tion in restraint of trade. They do
not fear investigation by the Govern-
ment. They say Moore is not in the
employ of the Department of Justice,
but the Pittsburgh firm's associa-
tion and that the sole object is to
beat down the price of coke. Many
of them have been selling coke at
prices which have covered cost of
production and 1 ft nothing for the
coal exhausted which a one is worth
from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per acre and
will be valued more highly as the supply
diminishes.

SCRANTON LAW PROTECTS AGAINST MINE ACCIDENTS

New Ordinance to Regulate Coal Oper-
ations in City and Fixe
Punishment

SCRANTON Pa., July 6.—With the
drafting of an ordinance regulating
the mining of coal under the streets
and public highways of the city the
Council has taken an important step
toward fixing responsibility for mine
cave ins upon the mining corporations.
If the ordinance is passed it will be a
criminal offense for a company to
mine coal carelessly and recklessly and to
such an extent that the lives of peo-
ple in the public streets shall be
endangered.

The measure is based upon the
city's police powers under which it
may safeguard and insure to peo-
ple the peaceful enjoyment of the
public highways. It provides that in
any case where damage to a highway
shall result from the removal of ade-
quate supports by a coal mining com-
pany the superintendent or foreman
in charge of the operations shall be
arrested and arraigned before a police
magistrate and upon summary con-
viction shall be fined \$100 or com-
mitted to the county jail for thirty
days.

While the ordinance relates only to
the public streets the effect will be
limited to the thoroughfares. It is
contended that if the coal companies
can be compelled to safeguard the
streets with proper supports, the
abutting properties must of necessity
be protected. In the thickly settled
portions of the city the streets are so
close together that the whole surface
would be protected if they were ade-
quately pillared.

That too in the event of a prop-
erty owner's suffering damage by a
cave-in that affects a street, the
arrest and fining of the superintendent
will fix legal responsibility upon the
company in such a manner that the
sufferer may sue to collect damages.

LEHIGH NAVIGATION & COAL'S POWER PRODUCING PLANT

Contract Made for Apparatus for Op-
erating the Culin Bank in the
Anthracite Region

The Lehigh Navigation Electric
Company of Philadelphia, a subsidi-
ary of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation
Company, has recently contracted
with the General Electric Company
for three 10,000 kva. 11,000 volt hor-
izontal turbo generating units or its
new power producing plant at Hauto
Carbon county Pa. This is the initial
contract of the power plant, the first
of a series of contracts for the equip-
ment of the plant. The plant is to be
located in the anthracite region. Eventually this plant will pro-
duce more than 100,000 horse power
which will be sent to Philadelphia
and the New Jersey cities and will
eventually reach New York. When
completed the power plant at Hauto
will be the only one exceeding it in
size. The immediate output of the
plant is to be \$3,000,000 and when it
is finished it will represent an invest-
ment of \$10,000,000.

It is believed that this enterprise
is only the beginning of a great move-
ment for the conversion of coal into
power which is unobtainable in
power at the mines and the distribu-
tion of the power among the manufac-
turing centers within a radius of sev-
eral hundred miles. The Lehigh Coal
& Navigation Company figures that it
has a wide product of more than
100,000 tons of coal per year and
that all of this can profitably be re-
turned into power. If the plans of the
company work out it will mean the
use of the mines of a quantity of fuel
which would require 10,000 coal cars
a year to transport.

NEW CHARCOAL PROCESS SAID TO PURIFY IRON

Company as Crum Lynne Pa., In-
stalls Method by Which Metal Is
Refined by Oxidation

A new process of manufacturing
charcoal iron invented by J. Jones
Hudson of Philadelphia is being suc-
cessfully operated by the Vilecan
Charcoal Iron and Steel Company at
Crum Lynne Pa. under the super-
vision of the inventor who is general
manager of the company. It consists
of melting the charge between layers
of charcoal in a specially designed
furnace of the open hearth type. By
the introduction of blasts of cold air
through tuyers the metal is melted
and holed filtering through the
charcoal which consumes the im-
purities eliminating them from the
molten mass. Charcoal may be added
at any time during the heat and is
generally added near the end to dis-
pel any injurious gases that may arise
thereby insuring complete purification
of the metal. The method has the
effect of purifying and refining the
iron by decarburization and oxidation.
It is stated that it may be applied to
the manufacture of charcoal steel
with equally valuable results. The
furnace at present employed at Crum
Lynne is of 15 tons capacity. It has
a base lining and is fired at the ends
by oil burners. In the front and
back walls there are six tuyeres each
through which a blast of cold air is
conducted into and on the charge.

Several months ago a complaint
against the alleged trust in the coke
fields was registered with the Depart-
ment of Justice. Because the evi-
dence was not sufficient to support the
complaint the government refused to
act upon it at that time.

The merchant operators deny em-
phatically that there is any combina-
tion in restraint of trade. They do
not fear investigation by the Govern-
ment. They say Moore is not in the
employ of the Department of Justice,
but the Pittsburgh firm's associa-
tion and that the sole object is to
beat down the price of coke. Many
of them have been selling coke at
prices which have covered cost of
production and 1 ft nothing for the
coal exhausted which a one is worth
from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per acre and
will be valued more highly as the supply
diminishes.

WEST PENN HASTENS ITS NEW WORK AT SUTERVILLE

Another Engineer Corps Is Transferred
to That Place to Further
Completion

To hasten the engineering work at
Suterville the West Penn Electric
Company has transferred to that
place another corps. Much of the
work already has been done and
service begun. Some time ago local
electrical contractors had trouble in
getting contracts at Suterville and
other nearby towns because of the
residents' caution in demanding in-
sight into the service.

With the completion of the pole
lines the contractors are going ahead.
They are experiencing no difficulty in
getting agreements signed. Develop-
ments on the Uniontown extension
which was held up by John Keyes
owner of land along the line are
expected soon. The West Penn hopes
to have the work started before cold
weather.

LABOR FAMINE IS GREATEST IN THE NATION'S HISTORY

Recent Investigation in All
Parts of Country Shows
Extreme Scarcity.

PITTSBURG IS A SUFFERER

Slavonic, Italian, Russian, Serbian,
Polish and Hungarian Agents Re-
port Inability to Obtain Men—Im-
migration Laws Are Given as Cause.

That the United States is suffering
the severest labor famine in its history
has developed from a recent in-
vestigation for months Pittsburgh
manufacturers have been severely
handicapped in their operations by an
acute labor shortage.

Reports from Boston and New York
demonstrate that the famine in com-
mon labor is both general and acute
and that never before has the wage
rate been higher for this class of em-
ployment. Three years ago German
labor was plentiful at \$1.75 a day
while thousands of men are now be-
lieved to be offered \$4.00 a day and
more.

The Slavonic Immigrant Society of
New York has on only three applicants
for work in 10 days. The Serbian Im-
migration Bureau of New York re-
ports that it has had only five appli-
cants for work in the past month.

New York contractors are in the
market for thousands of men offering
\$2 per day. The new apartment con-
tractors are 1,000 men short and the
proposed New York subway will re-
quire 4,000 men at the outset with in-
creasing demands as the work pro-
gresses.

J. M. Collett manager of the Im-
migration Society of New York re-
ports that hundreds of immigrants
are going to the Argentine Republic
this year because of new United States
immigration laws. Michael Barri
of New York who is in touch
with 100,000 Italians throughout the
country through a chain of private
Italian banks declared that the present
supply of labor is absolutely nil at this
time.

The Hungarian Immigration So-
ciety of New York is swamped with
demands for labor from all sections
of the country with practically no ap-
plicants at the Russian and Polish
Bureaus. It is reported that pri-
vately all of the foreigners of this type
were seeking employment on western
farm lands.

Special representatives from Ruff-
lo and Cleveland have been making
the New York labor market for men.
The former secured no men for his
company and the Cleveland men
succeeded in getting 15 men after two weeks effort
by paying their transport all.

The immigration societies located in
Boston, New York and Philadelphia
are considering one another and con-
sidering the American labor famine with
a view of stimulating immigration. The
present situation has no doubt ex-
plained some of the reasons that the
immigrants who returned during the
recent depression have not returned in
large numbers. One deal was that
the back to the farm fever has spread
to the immigrant.

GERMAN IRON BOUNTY OF 35.7 CENTS IS REMOVED

Strikes in Belgium and England and
Big Trade Contract Leads to
Eliminate Excess Charge

Consult General A. M. Thacker
Berlin reports that the syndicate will
abolish at the end of this month, the
bounty of 10 marks (35.7 cents) per
ton on iron used in the manufacture
of iron intended for export. Since the
first of the present year the German
coal market has continued to improve.
The strike which occurred the begin-
ning of the present year in Belgium
involving about 20,000 miners the
temporary cold weather and the gen-
eral strike of coal miners in Great
Britain all tended to increase the de-
mand for German coal so that the
coal syndicate was able to raise its price
to 5 pfennigs to 1 mark (10 to 25.5
cents) per ton. Its greatest achieve-
ment however was the arrangement
entered into on January 1st with the
Prussian Poles whereby the syn-
dicate undertakes the sale of coal for
the Prussian State mines for one year.
Similar agreements were also made
with the most important private oil
shippers so that the syndicate will be
able to eliminate what was formerly
a keen competition.

PITTSBURG COAL RATE IS REDUCED TO CENTS ON TON

The Interstate Commerce Commission
Orders Against Pennsylvania
and Other Lines

WASHINGTON D. C. July 5.—The
Interstate Commerce Commission has
ordered a reduction of 10 cents a ton
in bituminous coal in carloads
from points in the Pittsburgh and No.
5 coal district of Ohio to the lake
ports of Huron and Cleveland. Ohio
when intended for transshipment by
vessel to points without the State of
Ohio.

The Commission held that the rate of
\$5 cents a ton was unreasonable
and ordered that a rate of 75 cents
for the future. The case was that of
the Pittsburgh Vela Operators Associa-
tion of Ohio against the Pennsylvania
railroad and the Wheeling and Lake
Erie Railroad company.

PIERCE QUITS CHAIRMANSHIP

Temporarily Succeeded on Western
Maryland Board by E. D. Adams

BALTIMORE Md. July 5.—Wins-
low S. Pierce has resigned as chair-
man of the Board of Directors of the
Western Maryland railroad.
He has been temporarily succeeded
by E. D. Adams, who is the American
representative of the Deutsche Bank.
A permanent chairman will be elected
later.

FEDERAL LAND BOARD IS LISTING MINERAL SITES

Classification Bureau the Past Three
Years Has Withdrawn Mil-
lions of Acres

WASHINGTON July 3.—The classifi-
cation of the mineral wealth of the
public domain is being steadily car-
ried forward by the United States
Geological Survey. Three years ago
the Land Classification Board was
created as a section or small divi-
sion of the survey whose particular duty
was defined as embodying a classifica-
tion of the economic resources of the
public lands.

At that time the duties of the board
were to compile and digest the sci-
entific information relating to the pub-
lic lands as far as the survey from
both former and current investiga-
tions relating particularly to con-
spicuous petroleum, water power
sites and other resources and to as-
sign and divide such lands. The work
of the board has so increased that it
multiplied that it has now been re-
corded the work of a branch of the
survey employing a number of scien-
tists and many clerks.

During the survey, the surveyors visited
nearly 10,000 acres of land which
had been withdrawn from public use
as coal lands. Of these 10,000 acres
with a valuation of \$94,911,311
40 or more were classified as bitumi-
nous but the price not fixed for were
placed in a class of non-bituminous
land.

New land withdrawn as bituminous
acres were 3,500,000 acres and the
restoration of land that had been
withdrawn from public use in con-
nection with the survey of the
United States Geological Survey and
the withdrawal of 1,000,000 acres of
land in Western Wyoming as bitumi-
nous with petroleum rock is in-
cluded in the basis of 100,000,000
acres.

NEW COAL AND TIMBER ROAD IN WEST VIRGINIA

Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties
to be Traversed by White
Sulphur Company

A new coal and timber road is to
be constructed in Greenbrier and
Pocahontas counties West Virginia
about 10 miles long. It is to be
owned and operated by the White
Sulphur Company. It will connect the
road company with the main line of
the West Virginia Railway and
Power Company. The road is to be
about 10 miles long and will pass
through the heart of the coal and
timber region of the state. It will
be a great benefit to the people of
the region and will greatly increase
the production of coal and timber.

The White Sulphur and Pocahontas
Road Company of Kentucky has been
granted a charter by the West Virginia
legislature to construct a road from
Mingo county. This road is to be
a military line of the R. & O. W.
road. It is to be a great benefit to
the people of the region and will
greatly increase the production of
coal and timber.

The Mingo Mining Company of
Pittsburgh has been granted a charter
to construct a road from Mingo
county. This road is to be a military
line of the R. & O. W. road. It is to
be a great benefit to the people of
the region and will greatly increase
the production of coal and timber.

A certificate has been filed by the
Thacker Coal & Coke Company of
Pittsburgh with the West Virginia
legislature. The certificate is for the
incorporation of a new company with
a capital stock of \$100,000. The
company is to be a great benefit to
the people of the region and will
greatly increase the production of
coal and timber.

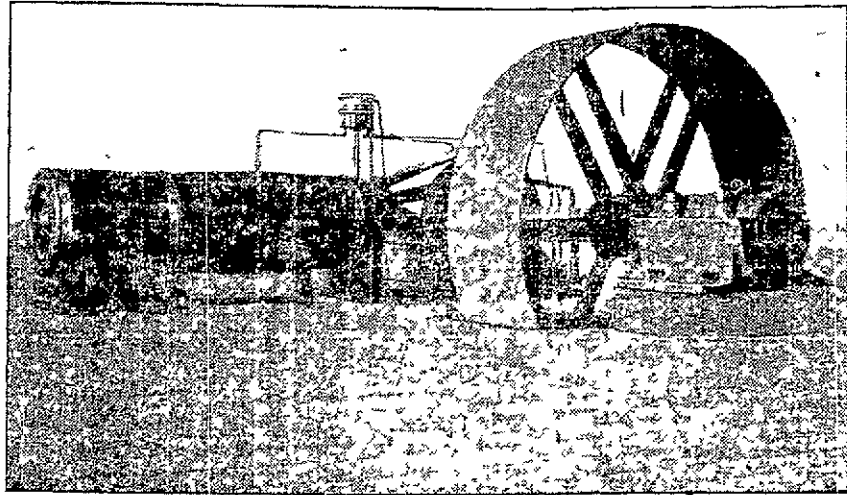
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